

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 996 without my signature.

This bill allows collectors of traffic and parking fines to have access to the confidential home address information at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). There are existing mechanisms in place to allow a traffic enforcement agency to pursue collections from law enforcement officers and others who have a restricted confidential home address. The agencies are authorized to obtain an individual's employment information from the DMV and send billing notification to the individual's place of employment. Additionally, unpaid fines can be reported to DMV and included in the registration renewal notice.

DMV estimates significant costs to implement the bill, depending on the volume of requests for restricted confidential address records. DMV maintains over 1.5 million records that fall under the Confidential Records program. These records cannot be accessed electronically, and therefore, additional staff time would be required to manually process requests for these records. I am also concerned that this access puts the home addresses of law enforcement officers at risk of disclosure.

For these reasons, I am returning the bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger